if so, the details thereof;

whether some States have objected to these new directives of the Centre; and

if so, the details thereof alongwith the action plan of the Centre to address their apprehensions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) No, Sir. The Government has not framed any new guidelines for implementation of NREGS.

(b)to(d) Do not arise.

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3981. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1811 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th August, 2007 and state:

(a) whether Government has received the required detailed proposal regarding upgradation of existing Jal Seva Training Institute from the State Government of Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Directive to review the implementation of land reform programmes

3982. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether the Union Government has directed the States to thoroughly review the implementation of land reform programmes;

if so, the details thereof;

whether the benefits of the land reforms are not reaching at the grassroot level; and

if so, the latest strategies Government propose to make to ensure that the benefits of land reforms programmes reaches at the grassroot level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (d) Land and its management falls within the administrative jurisdiction of the State Governments as provided under Entry No. 18 of State List (List II) of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution. The role of the Centre Government in this field is only of an advisory and coordinating nature. However, implementation of land reforms programmes is reviewed from time to time at vatious fora, including Conferences of the Revenue Ministers/Secretaries of States andUTs organized by the Ministry of Rural Development. The State Governments have been requested from time to time for distribution of ceiling surplus land, Govt, wasteland and Bhoodan land to